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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, kindly cancel claims 1-13, and add the following claims 14-27:

14. A signal isolator comprising:

a first substrate:

a first passive component formed on the first substrate;

an isolation layer formed over the first passive component;

a second passive component formed over the isolation layer;

the first and second passive components being coils;

an input for receiving an input signal; and

a driver circuit coupled between the input and one of said passive components.

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